

QA-616
J. Herbert Carter Farm
319 Foreman's Landing Road
Queenstown vicinity, Queen Anne's County

Constructed 1918
Private

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other J. Herbert Carter Farm

2. Location

street and number 319 Foreman's Landing Road not for publication

city, town Queenstown, MD ☒ vicinity

county Queen Anne's County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Elizabeth Draper Brice and James Herbert Carter

street and number 2615 Centreville Road telephone

city, town Centreville state MD zip code 21617

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Queen Anne's County Courthouse liber SM 664 folio 376

city, town Centreville tax map 60 tax parcel 17 tax ID number 05-002796

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- ☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	5	4 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion		sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social		structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	5	4 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	0	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Summary

Located in a rural setting approximately one mile northwest of the Talbot County town of Wye Mills, the farm complex at 319 Foreman's Landing Road stands on the south side of the road, approximately one-half of a mile southwest of its intersection with Wye Mills Road. The 1918 four-square house consists of a frame, two-and-a-half-story, hipped-roof structure with a rear ell. The collection of outbuildings includes a circa 1930 frame shed; one barrel-roofed barn that is probably historic; two historic silos; two non-historic, metal-clad barns; a frame machine shed that is probably not historic; and a non-historic metal trailer. Most of the outbuildings sit southeast of the house.

Description

The farm complex stands within a 259-acre tract that extends south to the East River and north to U.S. Route 50; the tract also includes the duplex at 300 Foreman's Landing Road (QA-615). Facing north towards Foreman's Landing Road, the property occupies a mostly level area that features scattered, mature trees and is surrounded by agricultural fields. A large, grassy area lies in front of the house, which is set back approximately 150 feet from the road. An asphalt and gravel driveway runs to the east of the house. Most of the outbuildings are located southeast of the house. A frame machine shed and a metal trailer stand west of the house.

House (1918)

The house consists of a square, two-and-a-half-story, hipped-roof main block with a two-story, gable-roofed, rear ell and a partially enclosed, one-story, shed-roofed addition on the west elevation of the ell. One-story, full-width porches are located on both the front (north) elevation of the main block and the east elevation of the rear ell. The house rests on a poured concrete foundation. Both the main block and the ell are clad with aluminum siding; the original wall cladding was not visible. The hipped roof of the main block is covered with asphalt shingles and features a steep slope, a short ridge, overhanging eaves, and a boxed, wood cornice. The north, east, and west elevations each feature a dormer with a long shed roof and enclosed rafters. Non-historic, decorative, iron posts support the front porch's hipped roof, which is clad with standing-seam metal. The porch floor is constructed of poured concrete with brick edging.

All of the first- and second-story windows on the main block are two-over-two, double-hung, wood sash, and are surrounded by square-edged, wood trim and molded wood lintels. The fenestration on the first story of the façade is asymmetrical; a one-light-over-two-panel wood door is placed off-center between paired windows. The second story features four symmetrically placed windows.

The east elevation incorporates two paired windows on the first story; the second-story windows consist of paired windows in the northernmost bay, and single windows in the two southern bays.

On the first story of the west elevation, a single window is set between two paired windows; the second story features two paired windows. Paired, six-light windows occupy the dormers. Most of the rear elevation is obscured by the rear ell.

The foundation and window types of the two-story rear ell were not visible. The ell's gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles, and the eaves are similar to those on the main block. An interior, brick chimney with a corbelled cap is located near the south gable end of the ell. A one-story, full-width, shed-roofed porch shelters the first story of the ell's east elevation; the two windows in the second story are boarded up. On the west elevation of the ell, a window occupies the northernmost of the two bays, and a one-story, one-bay, shed-roofed, partially enclosed porch is located to the south of the window. The porch has a concrete block foundation, log posts, and an asphalt-shingled roof. The west elevation's second story features two windows. The rear elevation of the ell was not visible due to limited access to the property.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates	Architect/Builder
Construction dates 1918	
Evaluation for:	
<input type="checkbox"/> National Register	<input type="checkbox"/> Maryland Register <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Summary

Built in 1918 to replace an earlier house on the property, the frame, two-and-a-half-story, hipped-roof house with rear ell is a good example of an early twentieth-century four-square with few architectural embellishments. This house form was popular both nationally and in Queen Anne's County in the early twentieth century. The house was likely constructed by Philemon Golt shortly before his death. The property remained in the Golt family until 1950, when it was sold to J. Herbert and Martha Carter. The collection of outbuildings reflects the property's agricultural use in the last three quarters of the twentieth century.

Narrative

The J. Herbert Carter Farm is located within a 259-acre property that straddles Foreman's Landing Road and stretches south to the East River. In the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, this land was part of the Cloverfields estate (QA-2).¹ Built circa 1730 by William Helmsley, the house at Cloverfields is located southwest of the property at the terminus of Foreman's Landing Road. By the 1870s, members of the Forman family, who were descendents of William Helmsley, owned Cloverfields as well as Foreman's Landing on the East River.²

Historic maps indicate that by the 1860s, members of the Dodd family had acquired the land where the J. Herbert Carter Farm now stands, and that it was no longer part of Cloverfields.³ An 1877 map of Queen Anne's County shows a house on the south side of the road in roughly the same location as the present house that was owned by "Miss L. Dodd".⁴ The house that stood on the property in the 1870s is no longer extant.

According to current tax records, the house now standing on the property was built in 1918; this date is consistent with the form and style of the house. Philemon H. Golt, a farmer and livestock buyer who purchased the property in 1914, was likely responsible for its

¹ Twentieth-century deeds describe the farm as "Cloverfield, the Forman Farm, or the Elizabeth Armstrong Farm." 1900 U.S. Population Census, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, Centreville, Enumeration District 62, Sheet 11; and 1910 U.S. Population Census, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, District 5, Queenstown, Enumeration District 71, Sheet 17-B. Census records from 1900 and 1910 identified Elizabeth Armstrong as the wife of ice manufacturer and farmer W.K. Armstrong. It seems likely that she was associated with Cloverfields rather than the farm on Foreman's Landing Road, since she never owned the property and it is unlikely that she was a tenant farmer.

² *An Illustrated Atlas of Kent and Queen Anne Counties, MD* (Philadelphia: Lake, Griffing & Stevenson, 1877).

³ *J.G. Strong's Map of Queen Anne's County* (n.p.: J.G. Strong, 1866). The map shows a house on the north side of Foreman's Landing Road owned by J. H. Dodd, but no house on the south side of the road. It is possible that the road shifted between 1866 and 1877, or that by 1877, a new house on the south side of the road replaced the house depicted on the 1866 map.

⁴ *Illustrated Atlas*, 1877.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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An Illustrated Atlas of Kent and Queen Anne Counties, MD. Philadelphia: Lake, Griffing & Stevenson, 1877.

J.G. Strong's Map of Queen Anne's County (n.p.: J.G. Strong, 1866).

U.S. Population Census, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, 1900, 1910 & 1930.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 259
Acreage of historical setting 261
Quadrangle name Wye Mills

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property boundary is defined by the current parcel boundaries shown on tax map 60, grid 20, parcel 17 in Queen Anne's County, Maryland.

11. Form Prepared by

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organization	History Matters, LLC	date	November 16, 2007
street & number	1502 21 st Street, NW, 2 nd Floor	telephone	(202) 223-8845
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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Machine Shed (circa 1930)

Located southeast of the house at the end of the driveway, the one-story, front-gable, frame shed is clad with vertical board siding and has a standing-seam metal roof. It is in poor condition and on the verge of collapse.

Barns (non-historic)

Two long, one-story, gable-roofed barns stand southeast of the house and east of the driveway. The two buildings are situated parallel to each other with their standing-seam metal, gable roofs running east-west. The walls are clad in metal. The north barn features a large, sliding, metal door placed off-center in its north elevation; a similar door is centered in its west elevation. There are no openings in its east gable end. The east and west gable ends of the south barn each have a large door opening; the side elevations were not entirely visible from the public right-of-way.

Silos (circa 1940)

Two silos stand immediately to the east of the southernmost of the two non-historic metal barns; the west silo is taller than the east silo. Both are constructed of concrete, and their roofs are missing.

Barrel-Roofed Barn (historic)

A long, barrel-roofed barn stands at the eastern end of the farm complex, adjacent to the silos. Corrugated metal covers its walls and roof. Due to the lack of access to the property, a construction date could not be determined, but it appears to be historic.

Machine Shed (non-historic)

A long, gable-roofed machine shed stands approximately 200 feet west of the house and faces southwest. The roof and walls are clad with corrugated metal. The west elevation is open, and large, sliding doors occupy the north gable end. Due to the lack of access to the property, a construction date could not be determined, but it appears to be less than fifty years old.

Mobile Home (non-historic)

A one-story, metal mobile home is located southwest of the house.

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construction.⁵ According to the 1910 U.S. population census, he owned a farm on Wye Mills Road before he purchased the property on Foreman's Landing Road.⁶ He may have constructed the four-square house on Foreman's Landing Road as a new residence for himself and his family, or he may have built it for one of his children. Given the house's large size, it seems unlikely that he built it for a tenant farmer.

The house has a four-square form, reflected in its square footprint, hipped roof, and two-and-a-half-story height. The full-width, hipped-roofed front porch is also typical of the four-square house type. In the early twentieth century, the four-square form was popular nationally in rural areas, towns, and suburbs; in Queen Anne's County, the form appears in both rural areas and towns. The popularity of the four-square derived in part from the availability of mail-order kits and blueprints, which included designs for four-squares whose designs were influenced by the Craftsman, Colonial Revival, or other architectural styles. However, there is no evidence indicating that the house at the J. Herbert Carter Farm is a kit house. The house's shed-roofed dormers reflect the influence of the Craftsman style, but any other stylistic influences have been obscured by non-historic alterations.

Philemon Golt died sometime between 1917 and 1920, and his wife Sarah received a life interest in the 261-acre farm. Census records indicate that she did not reside at the farm on Foreman's Landing Road.⁷ In 1935, Mamie Bailey Skinner (Sarah Golt's daughter) and her husband John acquired the 261-acre farm.⁸ It is unclear whether or not the Skinners resided at the Foreman's Landing Road farm. In 1950, J. Herbert and Martha Carter purchased the farm from the Skinners' heirs. The Carters appear to have resided on and farmed the property.

Most of the agricultural outbuildings were likely constructed during either the Skinners' or the Carters' ownership of the farm. The machine shed at the end of the driveway may date to the late 1930s or 1940s when the Skinners owned the property. The silos and the barrel-roofed barn could have been constructed by the Carters or the Skinners. The types of outbuildings suggest that the farm likely produced corn or grains. The mechanization of agriculture created a need on farms both for the sheds to store the increased amount of equipment and for additional outbuildings to store the larger crop output from farm acreage.

⁵ See Chain of Title, Continuation Sheet 8-2.

⁶ 1910 U.S. Population Census, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, District 3, Centreville, Enumeration District 66, Sheet 12-A.

⁷ 1930 U.S. Population Census, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, District 3, Centreville, Sheet 2-A.

⁸ The chain of title did not reveal when the farm was reduced from 261 acres to 259 acres.

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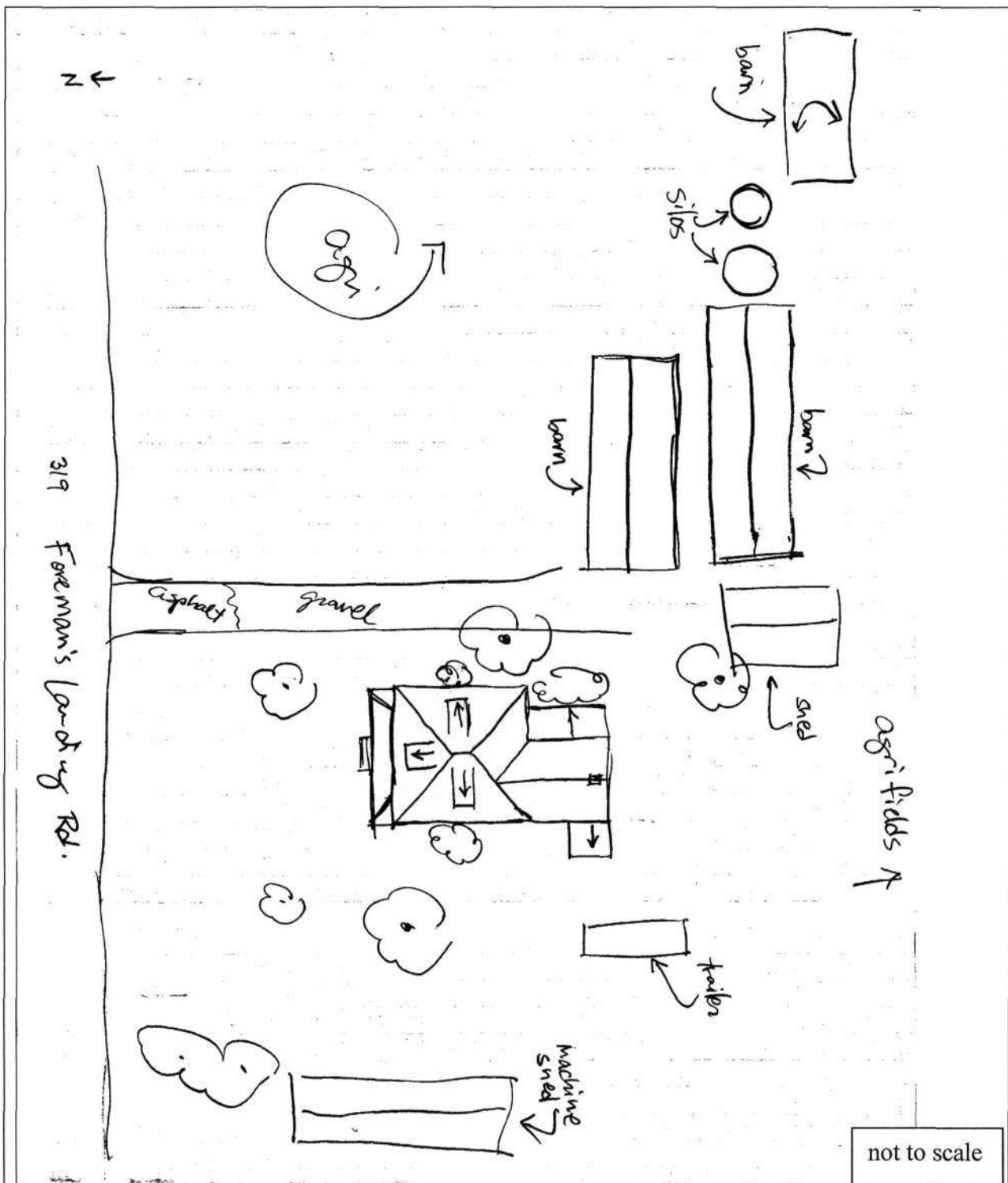
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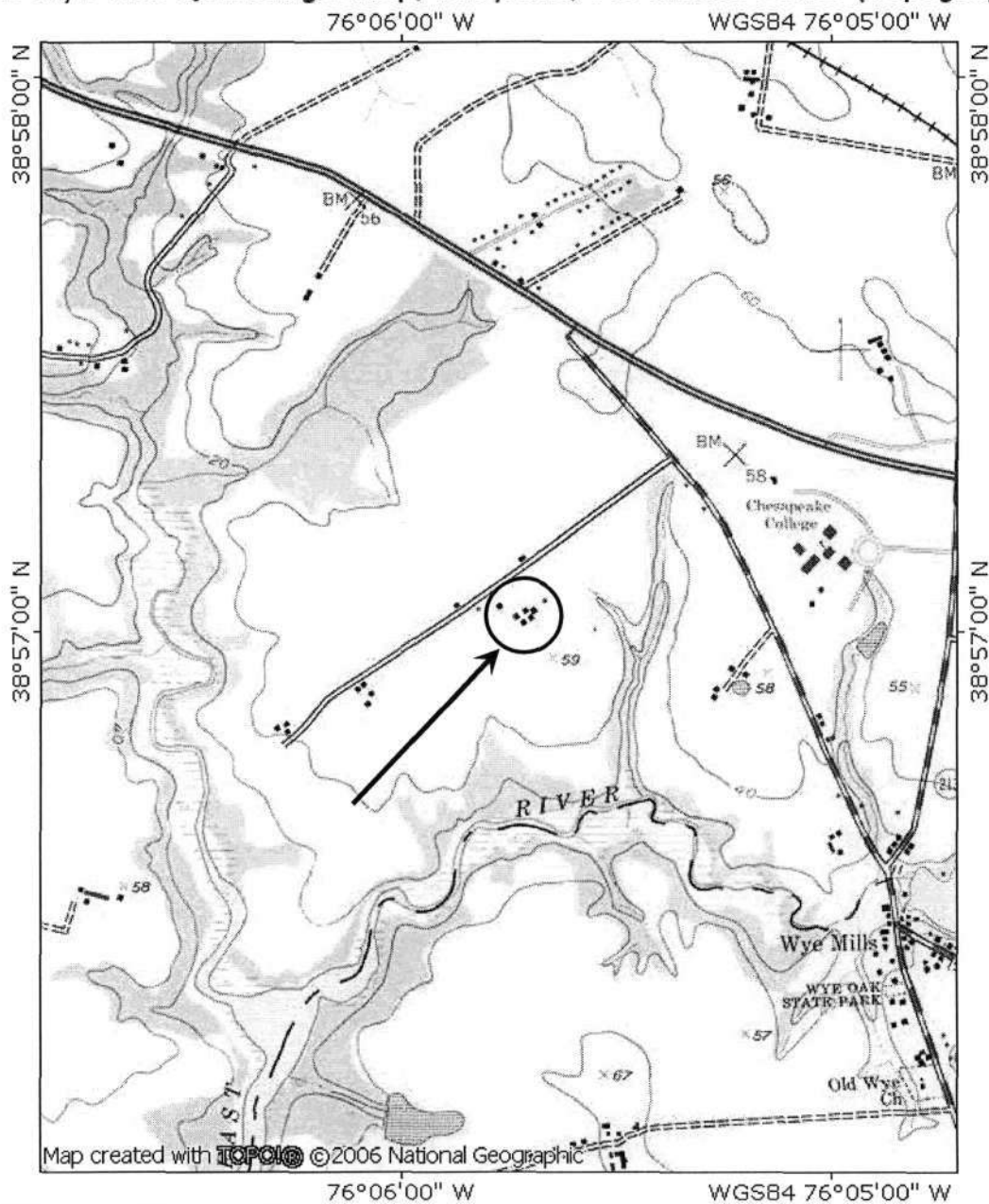
Chain of Title

	319 Foreman's Landing Road
23 October 1998	Elizabeth Draper Brice and James Herbert Carter (personal representatives of the estate of Julius Herbert Carter, d. 15 June 1997) to Elizabeth Draper Brice and James Herbert Carter Liber SM 644, folio 376 Lands formerly belonging to Julius Herbert Carter. Includes two parcels. Parcel 1 (a.k.a. Cloverfields, Foreman Farm, Elizabeth Armstrong Farm) is composed of two tracts, the larger of which is located on the west side of the road from Wye Mills to Queenstown and on either side of the public road leading to Foreman's Landing.
27 October 1950	Wesley E. Thawley and Layman J. Redding of Caroline County (as trustees in Chancery Court case no. 3703, Hannah Skinner, widow, vs. John Selby Skinner and Theresa K. Skinner his wife), to J. Herbert Carter and Martha C. Carter his wife. Liber NBW 8, folio 536 \$34,600.00 261-acre parcel known as Cloverfield, the Forman Farm, or, most recently, the Elizabeth Armstrong Farm; same description as previous. Deed also includes a half-acre portion of the Dodd Farm, located south of the new highway (Rt. 50).
6 May 1935	Madison Brown, et al (attorneys-in-fact for John E. and Martha Bailey, E. Lola Bailey, and Mame B. and John C. Skinner of Queen Anne's County) to John C. and Mame B. Skinner Liber WHC 1A, folio 312 \$15,700.00 261 acres; same description as previous In his will (liber WTB. No. 1, folio 191), Philemon H. Golt devised it to Sarah Catherine Golt as long as she lived; she died 30 March 1934, and following the terms of Philemon's will, the property passed to Emma Lela Bailey, John E. Bailey, and Mame B. Skinner.
29 August 1914	Madison B. Bordley, et al, Trustees to Philemon H. Golt Liber W.F.W. No 5, folio 555 [this deed could not be located]



Site Plan
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USGS Wye Mills Quadrangle Map, Maryland, 7.5 Minute Series (Topographic)



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Looking SW, House + shed

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